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1. IN RESPONSE TO REPAIR POST HELD MEETING WITH PEDRO NOBLE MENHICK CONCERNING PURCHASE OF THE HEWLETT-PACKARD SYSTEM. MR. MOBLE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION. HE SAID HE HAD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE AT THE REQUEST OF EDARD WILLIAMS, A FORMER ASSOCIATE AND FRIEND. NOBLE SAID THAT AT THE TIME HE WAS WORKING FOR KENT IBEICA, WILLIAMS APPROACHED HIM AND ASKED IF NOBLE COULD ASSIST HIM IN PURCHASING SOME EQUIPMENT.

2. WILLIAMS TOLD NOBLE THAT HE HAD A CUSTOMER FOR THE EQUIPMENT BUT SINCE HE HAD NO COMMERCIAL STATUS IN SPAIN HE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR THE IMPORT OF THE EQUIPMENT. WILLIAMS ASKED NOBLE IF HE COULD, AS A PERSONAL FAVOR, IMPORT THE EQUIPMENT. AS NOBLE WAS WORKING FOR KENT IBERICA, ARRANGING SUCH AN IMPORT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT. NOBLE SAYS THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHO WILLIAMS' CUSTOMER WAS NOR THAT THE EQUIPMENT WAS CONSIDERED
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TO BE OF A SENSITIVE NATURE. HE SAYS THAT HE MERELY DID IT AS A FAVOR FOR A FORMER ASSOCIATE.

3. REGARDING THE PAYMENT NOBLE SAYS THAT NEITHER HE NOR KENT IBERICA BECAME INVOLVED IN IT. NOBLE SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, WILLIAMS PAID H-P DIRECTLY.

4. CONCERNING THE FREIGHT FORWARDER, NOBLE SAID WILLIAMS APPARENTLY MADE THE CHOICE BECAUSE HE HAD INSTRUCTED NOBLE TO HAVE THE KENT IBERICA SHIPPING DEPARTMENT FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL.

5. AS TO THE PREVIOUS TRANSACTIONS, NOBLE SAID THEY WERE DONE ON WILLIAMS' BEHALF.

6. NOBLE SAID THAT GEORGE KENT LTD. IN THE U.K. HAD NO ROLE WHATSOEVER IN ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS. THE USE OF UNITED CITY MERCHANTS BANK LTD. BY WILLIAMS WAS APPARENTLY COINCIDENTAL.

7. NOBLE HAS NO DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE AND SAID HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHO THE CARRIERS OR SHIPPING COMPANIES WERE WHO FORWARDED THE SHIPMENT.

8. THIS MESSAGE PREPARED AT AMCONGEN BARCELONA. STABLER

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